



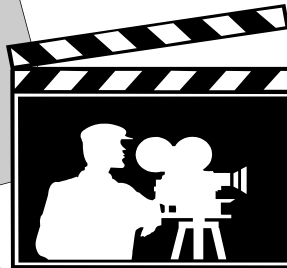
Placer County IHSS Advisory Committee Newsletter



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A Message from the Public Authority Manager

Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter. The newsletter is a joint effort of the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Committee and the IHSS Public Authority. Both the Advisory Committee and the Public Authority believe that IHSS is an essential service that contributes to the dignity, safety, and independence of its consumers; and we acknowledge the importance of the consumer and the provider by recognizing, respecting, and addressing the rights and needs of both groups. We hope our newsletter reflects these values and that it will be of benefit to both providers and consumers.



**The good news is...your newsletter has arrived!
the bad new is...IT NEEDS A NAME!**

It's up to YOU! This is YOUR newsletter!

Join the fun! Give it a name; Give it a LOGO!

You could win dinner and a movie for two!

Send your ideas to:

11533 C Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603 - by May 31, 2005.



PROVIDER TRAINING SURVEY



In December, the IHSS Public Authority Registry conducted a survey to determine what areas providers would want training in. The response was wonderful!

- 67% of those returning the survey were interested in receiving training.
- 36% prefer morning trainings.
- 36% prefer afternoon trainings.
- 28% prefer evening trainings.
- 62% prefer the Roseville area.
- 38% prefer the Auburn area.

The three most frequently identified topics for training were *First Aid*, *CPR* and *Standard Precautions*.

The Public Authority Registry is using these survey results in planning training for IHSS providers. We believe that making training opportunities available to our providers will ultimately result in better service to our IHSS consumers.

Many of our IHSS providers attended a *Standard Precautions* course offered in February and *CPR* Saturday on March 5th. Remember... Professional Educational Programs offers on-going *First Aid* classes to our providers at a discounted rate. If anyone is interested in these classes, please contact Midge Golizio, Executive Director, at (530) 889-8737.

More trainings on the way!

What does the Public Authority do?

The Placer County IHSS Public Authority is an agency whose general purpose is to improve the IHSS Program for IHSS consumers and providers. Public Authority services include:

- ♦ IHSS provider recruitment & screening.
- ♦ A registry of available providers.
- ♦ Referral of registry providers to IHSS consumers.
- ♦ Provider & consumer training.
- ♦ Consumer & provider support services.

The mission of the Public Authority is to enhance the availability and quality of IHSS; to give consumers and providers a voice in the IHSS and Public Authority programs, through the IHSS Advisory Committee; to provide consumers with access to IHSS providers who meet consumer's service needs; and to provide services that support a positive and productive relationship between the consumer and provider.

IHSS Advisory Committee Wants YOU!

The Role of the IHSS Advisory Committee

The Committee advises the County Board of Supervisors regarding IHSS and the Public Authority.

IHSS Advisory Committee Duties and Responsibilities

- Staying informed/educated on IHSS and Public Authority issues.
- Providing consumer, provider and public input into IHSS and Public Authority.
- Participating in outreach, educational and advocacy activities.
- Analyzing legislation that may impact the IHSS program, consumers, providers and/or Public Authorities and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month in the afternoon. If you are interested in becoming a Committee Member, call (530) 889-4024 or (530) 886-3680 for an application.

Just the facts



The fastest growing occupation through 2005 will be Personal/Home Care Aides. Faster than Systems Analyst, Computer Engineers, Medical Assistants, Paralegals, Occupational Therapy Aides or any other occupation.—*Bureau of Labor Statistics*

The average senior is spending approximately \$5,600 per month for care in a private room in a nursing home.—*Metlife Mature Market Institute 2003*

There are currently 36 Million Seniors in the U.S. Over the next few decades that number is projected to exceed 70 Million.—*U.S. Census Bureau*

? Ask Eldon ?

Q: I sent in my timesheet, but I haven't gotten my check. When will I get my paycheck?

A: Once your time sheet is received and processed by payroll, the information is sent electronically to the Statewide Computer System where paychecks are cut and mailed to you. Please allow five (5) working days to receive your paycheck. If the 15th or the last day of the month (30th or 31st) fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, timesheets will be processed on the next working day.

Q: I mailed in my timesheet, but I forgot to sign it. What will happen?

A: Your timesheet cannot be processed without your signature. It will be mailed back to you so you can sign it.

Q: I mailed in my timesheet, but I did not get my consumer to sign it. What will happen?

A: Your timesheet cannot be processed without the consumers signature. Your timesheet will be mailed back to you so the consumer can sign it.

Q: I mailed in my timesheet, but I forgot to fill in my hours. What will happen?

A: Your timesheet cannot be processed without the hours filled in. It will be mailed back to you for you to complete and return.

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A Message to our Providers...

Your job as a home care worker, is one that is vitally important. Your help makes it possible for those needing assistance to remain in their own homes, living as independently as possible. Thank you for your dedication and service!

Provider Rights and Responsibilities

1. You have the right to understand the IHSS work assignment and receive fair respectful treatment.

2. You have the responsibility to be dependable - to arrive on time and ready to work.

3. You have the responsibility to provide reliable, safe, high quality services as directed by the consumer and IHSS Caseworker.

4. You have the responsibility to keep personal information about the consumer confidential.

5. You have the right to expect training opportunities.

6. You have the responsibility to report suspected abuse of children, dependent elderly or disabled persons.

7. You have the responsibility to respect the consumers' dignity, privacy, property, religion, and culture.

**Call the Public Authority staff anytime.
We are here to help.**

530-886-3680

Provider Benefits

The IHSS Public Authority is happy to announce *IHSS Provider Benefits*.

Eligible IHSS providers now receive Medical, Dental and Vision coverage.

To become eligible, providers must work and be paid-for 65+ hours for two (2) consecutive months.

When you become eligible, you will automatically receive an insurance application in the mail.

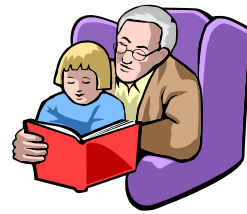
Eligibility is determined based on PAID hours per month so it is especially important to get your timesheets in on time.

Timesheets are due on the 1st and the 16th of every month.

For questions about Eligibility, call Shirlee Herrington at:
530-886-3680

For questions about coverage, call Patient Advocacy at:
877-447-7435

“What is Olmstead and what has it done for me lately?”



Placer Independent Resource Services (PIRS)

**will soon be presenting workshops on how this
important Supreme Court Decision**

**may affect the lives of Older Adults and People With Disabilities
and impact their ability to live Independently in the Community.**



**You will learn what rights the Court says you have not to be forced to live in
an institution. You will learn what needs to be done to ensure that you can
stay at home in your community and live independently.**

If you or your group is interested in attending or hosting a
workshop, please call Michele at 530-885-6100 x15, or TDD
530-885-0326. Thank you!





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